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FIRST ANNUAL HCRA - MTARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Friday evening, December 8, 1978

WHERE: Holyoke Lodge of Elk's # 902
Whitney Avenue
Holyoke, Ma.

Bill of Fare: Cocktail Hour: 6:30 - 7:30 (Dutch treat)
Most drinks under one dollar
Dinner will be served at 7:30 (Smorgasbord)
Dancing to follow until 1:00 a.m. to the music of
a local popular orchestra

PRICE: \$ 7.00 per person
Tickets may be purchased from any of the following:

W 1 U P H Don Hampden, Ma.
W A 1 U R B Paul Ludlow, Ma.
K 1 Y Q Q Chet Springfield, Ma.
W B 1 C J H Larry Longmeadow, Ma. 5673-444
W B 1 E T S Ron Chicopee
W B 1 E M N Al Chicopee
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W B 1 E H S Barbara Springfield
K 1 B E Jeff Southwick
N 1 F J Frandy Northampton

If tickets are order by mail, please include an a.s.a.e.

DIRECTIONS: From route 91 take the Ingleside exit. If coming from
a southerly direction take a left off of the ramp, if from
a northerly direction take a right off of the ramp. Once off
of the ramp proceed to the traffic lights. At the lights pro-
ceed straight and the Elk's Club will be about 200 yards up
on your right.

DON'T BE DISSAPOINTED, BUY YOUR TICKET NOW BEFORE THEY ARE SOLD OUT



JOTTINGS

Paul, WB1EQT, is now W1ACW and passed his advanced... K1YGO stopped by at the brown baggers after his hospital stay. Hope all is better now, Chet... The next MTARA meeting is November 6th... Vic Pauroff has a new address; 8881 NW 46 St., Pembroke Pines, Fla. 33024... Bruce, W1LPUX has a new QTH. Hope to hear you on the air soon, Bruce... Bob, W1WLE wants the rumor quenched that he drinks cheap wine out of paper bags. "Three dollars a gallon is not cheap!", says Bob... Larry, W1CJH passes traffic daily into Isreal. Then you're issued a new call; don't forget to file an envelope for each call with the QSL bureau. Cards are thrown out in January... Pete, W1SOF is at the U. of Lowell and doing great. Hopes to make a few meetings this year... W1NY made its mark on the CQ Worldwide DX contest in October. W1ETS, W1P1P, W1EMN and others put our club call on the air. We should score near the top of the list. PB... W1LP wrecked his model airplane when the xmtr failed. The harmonics of W1KUL /W1UKR once launched a toy rocket with their pet mouse aboard. It survived and they got an "A" on the science project... Bill Shannon is now K1BEN. He's got W1DLH's old HW-16 on the air...

New England ARRL Convention in Buxboro

Having attended the last four years of N.E. conventions, I went this year expecting much better than years past. They really outdid themselves, though! As an example of how not to plan, they should win an award. We had to park over a mile away and hike in the pouring rain to the convention site. The exhibition hall was packed with people and poorly ventilated. There was no room anywhere to relax. The flea market was poor, most likely due to the rain. Coffee was \$3.00, and a roast beef sandwich, \$2.00, which you ate standing up! No trash barrels were provided and the place was soon a mess. If you missed it, be glad. Nothing was better than the Buxboro Convention. The best thing about the entire day was eyeball QSOs with friends and club members.

HCRA Honored by N.E. Division Director

The HCRA was awarded a "Certificate of Merit" at the N.E. Convention by John Sullivan, W1HR, N.E. Division Director. The affiliated club news - letter competition for New England Division is sponsored by John each year. We won for "Zero Beat" in Class C. There is only supposed to be a prize for first place, but the judges were so impressed by ZB that they insisted on a special award. K1BE accepted this on behalf of the club. Many thanks to Jeff, Bob McCormick, and Bruce Felner for doing such a great job last year, and many thanks to all who sent in news and articles. We want to win again next year! The award will be shown at the November meeting.

QSL Bureau

The QSL bureau booth did a land office business at the convention. Ignorance of how it works is obvious from all of the same questions asked. First off, the cards are not brought to the convention because of the sheer amount involved. Envelopes are kept on file per the procedure in QST and mailed out when they are filled. You have to keep on file for each call that you have ever had. There is no way to cross reference for old and new calls. If you mail in envelopes to the bureau and want to know if they've gotten there, send a self addressed postcard with them. Individuals in the HCRA handle individual letters, i.e. W1CJH and W1CJH are both in the "Q" file. If you happen to know who handles a particular letter, please don't tell others. It creates problems and more than one sorter has quit when this happens. If you want to be on the waiting list for a letter, write to the QSL bureau: Hampden County Radio Association, P.O. Box 216, Forest Park Station, Springfield, Mass 01108. (This address is for the QSL bureau only!)

Civil Preparedness: Part III

Type I disasters Continued- Part 3 or series

This month we will look at what would be expected in the event of an accidental release of radioactivity in a generating plant, or the explosion of a nuclear device by a terrorist group. This article does not intend to cover everything, just to spark your interest enough to dig out more information and to prepare to meet some of these dangers.

In the event of a local nuclear catastrophe you may have to provide communications during an evacuation of many people. What are the evacuation routes? Who would be in charge? What person is responsible for overall communication coordination between the Army, civil defense, local government, and the Red Cross? These groups do not always have the ability to talk via radio to each other and amateur radio provides the best source for all these agencies. Remember the Chelsea fire in 1973?

Bob Phoenix, W1DNB, is the Section Emergency Coordinator for Western Mass. He is the person who would be responsible for coordinating all of these groups. By ARRL rules, He assumes command over all other ham officials. Each individual county also has an EC. (Emergency Coordinator). Bing Leonard, W1QA is Hampden County's. In theory, an organization exists and drills to be ready to meet a crisis like the forced, rapid evacuation of Springfield, Hartford, and area towns. But what happens in even a minor emergency?

The untrained, unfamiliar-with-net-procedure hams who pour out of the woodwork to help are a real burden! Staying off the mike button is their biggest problem. False reports, too many chiefs, and massive traffic fouls would soon screw up the evacuation. In 1968, during the Washington D.C. riots, all the freeways into and out of the city were jammed solid. Emergency trucks and troops just could not get into the city! Why would the panic be any different around Springfield when the degree of radiation danger would be much more severe?

The way to save lives would be an efficient amateur radio network coordinating civil defense efforts. Knowing where to go and how to organize it has to be done ahead of time. Hams would be among the last to leave and this would preclude the luke-warm volunteers. We represent the only feasible way of disciplined community coordinated evacuation. Hams in local police and broadcast studios would keep the public informed. Panic does not start as long as people know they are going to get out.

Much more could be written on this. (i.e. How mediocre most area repeaters "public service" activities are.) Comments and suggestions are solicited. Next month in the last of the series, we will go over some of the preparations you might want to make to be an effective source of help during major social upheavals and regional weather disasters.

THE YEAR 1951 IN "ZERO BEAT"

Jan'51- Ed Tilton, W1HDO was guest speaker at this meeting. W1RDR pushing emergency net as Springfield E.C....W1MNG developing small two meter rig... Feb- CD is big news with the war on. FCC list of emergency frequencies given...Mar'51- CD continues as big topic..Club has 104 member W1RC QSL cards are being designed by W1BEF.. Big FCC news of beginnings of Novice and Technician licenses, Class "A" becoming Advanced...W1MQK calling a Meissner 150B. (I've seen one!..editor) W1SIT passed class "A" license...Apr- 2 meter net going strong. W1HDO, Ed Tilton excites people by having a battery operated 6 meter rig...May'51- W1 BVR, RDR, W1T speakers on message handling and the ARRL. Club contest operating rules reviewed. (Why can't we sponsor a contest now?..ed) The Navy is trying to get W1QWJ to re-join...June -FCC requests "voluntary" quiet hours from sunset to sunrise on 3700-3900 khz. Military is using the frequencies. (Issues missing) Dec. '51- New President, W1CJJK, VP, W1R...Deas, W1OUO, and Secretary, W1PHU. W1QWJ home on furlough!.....

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NEXT MEETING- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

COMPUTER SHOW!!!

This meeting is the one not to miss if you have any interest in home computers. Gerry Griffin and Dr. Ted Scott will talk for about half an hour on a general overview of computers, then each company representative will have ten minutes to discuss their systems. Then a question and answer period will take place. Afterwards you'll have a chance to discuss and play with the various systems and compose music, do math and play games with what's there. Tell your friends that might be interested. The following systems will be there:

Radio Shack TRS-80, w/ 32 K, disks, printer, company rep

Commodore PET , w/ 32K, and a company Rep.

Apple II, w/ 16K, color graphics, company representative

Altair 8080, w/ 64 K , disks, company rep.

Sowest Tech, 20 K and factory rep.

Heathkit system, as yet unknown

Chem I

Ohio Scientific

Motorola D-2 kit

RCA "ELF- VIP"

Two Bit-Slice computer

Signetics 2602

There will be twelve systems there, and all company representatives were asked to bring programs that pertain to amateur radio! i.e. decoding cw, tracking OSCAR. Doors open at 7:30, meeting begins at 8 p.m.

HAMPDEN COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION AND MT. TOM AMATEUR REPEATER ASSOC'N

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8th

at the Holyoke Elks Club

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DANCING

BAR

Tickets are available from HCRA and MTARA club officers. Contact them or write to Ron Beauchemen, 56 Acrebrook Dr., Chicopee, Ma 01020. SASE pse. No Tickets will be sold at the door.

AUCTION REPORT

Good time had by all! Over 200 people were there and no room in the parking lot. Ray, W1LORT, Bill Sheedy, Chuck Duquette, Ron, WB1ETS, and John, AC1T did FB job as auctioneers. Steve, W1LZE and Frandy, N1FJ kept track of all of the sales and the money. The brought-the-most-junk award goes to Stan, K1CYG. However, his house no longer tilts to one side! Bob, W1MM certainly brought some of the nicest stuff. Thanks to art, W1KK for the PA and all others who helped in big and small ways. We made about \$150. between the auction and the coffee. This is an important part of the budget and keeping the dues at \$5.00.

To join the HCRA, send \$5.00 to : Steve Shore, W1LZE: 20 Valley View Dr., Bloomfield, Conn 06002. Complete mailing address, call letters, license class, and ARRL membership should be included.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

NIAFK and KIBE went up in a Stearman PT-17 to do aerobatics! Real thrill especially in an open cockpit. WALECR has also been flying up and down, but in a "Great lakes". KIBE's old call was WAI SNJ, who's got an "SNJ" to give him a ride in?...KITE almost burned the house down when his oil burner caught fire. Have yours safety checked before starting it up...WIKUL was in the hospital, hope all is better, Bob...FLOWJ has moved into his new New Hampshire OTH...KLIJU is looking for people who want the "Worked 25 HCRA members award. Callsign, time, frequency are all that's required, with a QSL card of your own for the permanent collection...WBIACAC was on the air fine tuning an HT with a 10 pound hammer...WBIDLE now drives a cross between an army tank and a small truck...ACIT has been the NCS for the WTN. Too bad the ol' time couldn't grasp your callsign, John...WLDV is active on MARS, as is KLI and WIALLL...NIAFK, (ex-WBIGGK) passed his advanced! We must have more "upgraders" than most clubs...WBIETS is in a softball league. What can you expect from someone who thinks about Christmas in July?...Out of five novice course in the area, three are taught by club members...There will be a general licensing course in Springfield starting in February...

IT ISN'T EASY!

Answering the club appeal for more public service activity, I checked into the Western Mass cw net. (3562-M-F at 7 pm) The Net control WIKK, was very courteous and slowed right down to my speed. Blissfully I copied what was going on, usually at 18wpm, with constant references to my "Q" signal chart. WLBVR, who never has left well enough alone, passed traffic to me. He sent at 15 wpm, but my hand was frozen, my mind blank, and I felt like a novice that has had his first CW CQ answered! Percy patiently re-sent the entire message at about 10 wpm and I copied it. Not sure what to do next, I QSL'd and waited. The NCS picked it up, so I couldn't have been too far off! Learning the net procedures on cw is not impossible, and the WTN will allow you to screw up royally. (I did it on my second night, but that's another story.) Your cw will improve, and if you're like me, the only way to go is up. See you on the net.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Subject to change. Meetings are organized by individual members, who'll get the speaker, etc.

November 3rd- Home Microcomputers! Organized by WALPGT, Dr. Scott, and Bob McCormick. Eight different systems will be there. (See article this issue)

December 11th- Christmas Party with the MTARA! (See article this issue)

January 5th- Lasars and Holograms. KLYOQ is organizing it.

VHF Sweepstakes film by ACIT

February 2nd- Hazards in the Ham Shack. NLFJ is the major domo. Flying

March 2nd- ARRL guest speaker, to be announced by WALPUX

April 6th- Tom McMullen, from Ham Radio magazine. WBLFIP getting it ready

May 4th- Our Flea Market. WBLBZW and committee will get a big turnout like last year.

June 1st- Our Annual Banquet.

June 23-24- Field Day!!!!

DON'T FORGET THE JANUARY VHF SS! GET IN ON THE FUN!! CQ SS, FROM _____!

November Zero Beat

For Sale: Standard HT, SRC 146, w/ nicads, Xtals, antenna: Hallicrafter's
TO Keyer, HA-1, w/ key: Motorola MOCOM 30/Hi-band VHF/ 15 watt mobile
transceiver: Motorola Business Ba-d Radio system/Hi-band VHF/ Freq: 151.865
has P/L freq encoding 1-60 watt base; 3-30 watt mobile units, 2 mobile
antennas, 1 base antenna: Western Electric telephones: A'ssted.
1-Arvin 12" B&W TV; Fannon wireless intercoms: Heathkit HA-201 2 meter
linear/ book, power cord. 1 watt in, 10 watts out: M-Tech Engind- Model
pl5A1 2 mtr linear, 2 in, 22 out. Contact WALZEV, Steve Shore, 20 Valley
View Drive, Bloomfield, Ct 06002

Office of the Section Emergency Coordinator
Western Mass. Section

Mr. George Hart, WINJM
Communications Manager
ARRL

Dear George,

I have been the SEC for Western Mass for eight years in which time our ARES membership expanded from thirty-odd to one hundred forty, ECs have come and gone, and new calls have replaced many of the older ones. Numerous hams who register their availability with the ARES are thereafter absent from any participation in ARES activities nor have any contact with the section's organization. As an example, last month I received round-about information that one of our ARES members had been a silent key for over a year, but was unknowingly still listed on our roster. Similar instances, where members may re-locate outside of the section or have become inactive, have left us with a roster of calls, fifty percent of which are meaningless.

In February of this year, I proposed to the SCM and ECs of this section that a policy be adopted whereby full status in the ARES require participation at least once a month in one of our ARES nets. Failing this requirement would result in redesignated status of limited membership. Failure to be logged into at least one ARES session in a six month period results in removal from the ARES roster. Legitimate reason for non-compliance would be accepted and membership status continued where appropriate.

This policy proposal was considered and received the approval of the SCM and ECs. Following section-wide notification to the ARES membership via radio nets and club newsletters, the policy went into effect on March 1, 1978.

I am enclosing this letter of explanation with my August report which shows the membership decline resulting from the adoption of this policy six months ago. There is nothing phony about our present membership numbers. The ECs, AECs, and current full members have participated in at least one session per month. The remaining limited members have checked in at least once (many more than once) in the six month period. If further consideration or discussion of this policy is felt to be required, I welcome the opportunity to participate. Perhaps time will be available at the New England Convention.

In closing, may I express my gratitude to the Communications Department of the ARRL for the Public Service Award which I recently received. Many hams, whose efforts and personal sacrifice overshadowed my small contribution, does not detract from my pride in being a part of this type of public service and I again say thanks for the recognition.

73,

Bob Phoenix, WA1DNB

We welcome the following new club members:

John, WB1GWZ

Ralph, WB1ESW

Lucien Dugas

Dick Larkin

Al, W1TDO

Bob, K1CFX

Chet, WA1ZXY

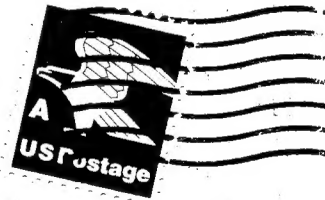
Chris, WA1ZXX

Joe, WB1DLU

MORE JOTTINGS

Bill, WITM spent a restful vacation in Florida... Art, W1KK has been appointed traffic manager... Tony, N1YY, Bill, N1CO, and K1BE have been checking in regularly to the WMN. Bill took MCS, too... Ron, W1ETS put the Mt. Tom machine on emergency status as he stopped at the scene of a serious road accident on Rte 91. Ron summoned an ambulance and police, and loaded a woman with a very serious back injury. K11QA landlined the calls, and also Ron's request for the fire department to hose down the gasoline. W1ETS continued on the scene and rendered all possible assistance. FB on a job well done in the finest traditions of Ham Radio!... Bob, W1DNB has had a short stay in the hospital. Hope you are fine now... Hubert Sharon is now KALANE... W1ZKT passed his advanced. FB, Paul... W1GZO was in the hospital glad to hear you're better, Ted... Frandy, N1FJ had his QRP article reprinted in the QRP international. They credited the HCRA and ZB... Lot of new people checking into the ten meter net on 28.650 Mondays at 8 pm. W1EHS logged over 20 stations including W1BPA, KALAMZ, N1AGW... Rich, W1YYW is now a regular on the WMN Sunday mornings at 8:30 am... John, W1JYB checked into that net and says 73 to all his friends... W1ZKT, W1XL, W1UKR, W1ABF helped out in the Webster search for the lost boy... Abel Gomes passed his Technician... Our February meeting will feature "pilot's night", films from the FAA plus slides of the club's flying hams!... Bob Roy passed his general and is now W1BJJ...

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